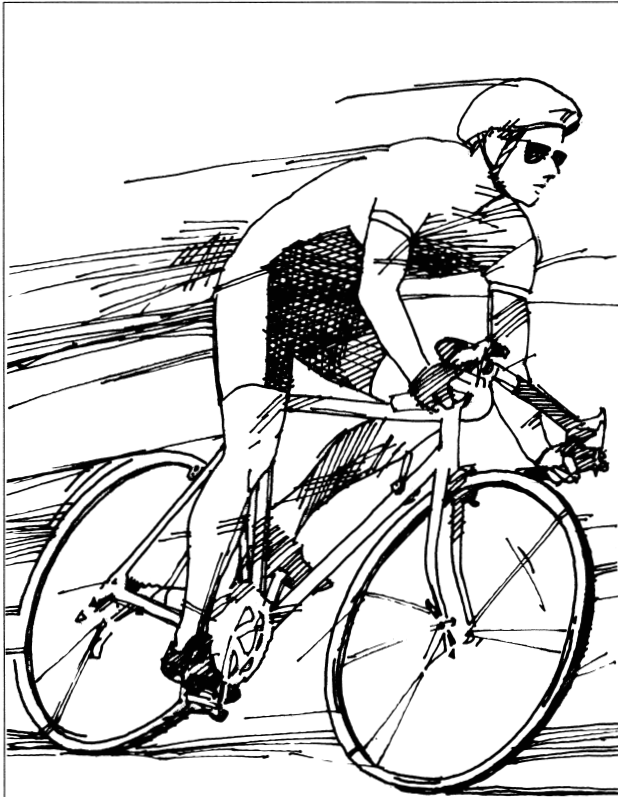


BICYCLE

Regulations and Illustrated Safety Tips



Compiled by the Department of Transportation Services
City and County of Honolulu

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



We are pleased to issue this booklet which describes the responsibilities of owning and riding a bicycle on the Island of Oahu.

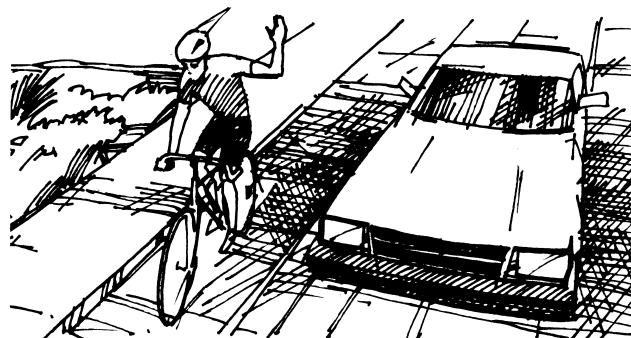
The City and County of Honolulu wants you to enjoy your bicycling, but it also is important to make our roadways safer for all who use them. That is why we are asking you to familiarize yourself with the basic laws. It is important, too, that motor vehicle operators and pedestrians know what they can or cannot do when bicyclists are sharing the street.

This publication is an informal guide in the City's ongoing program to provide customer satisfaction. For the exact wording of the laws or rules, you are encouraged to consult the Hawaii Revised Statutes for regulations marked Sec. 249 through 294 and the Traffic Code of the City and County of Honolulu for regulations marked Sec. 15.

I very much appreciate your interest and cooperation.

Mufi Hannemann

MUFI HANNEMANN
Mayor of Honolulu



Use the proper hand signals to inform others of your intentions.

Definitions (Sec. 291C-1)

- 1) A bicycle is a vehicle operated solely by human power and has two tandem wheels on which people may ride. A bicycle also may have two front or two rear wheels. Toy bicycles are not included in this definition.
- 2) A bicycle lane is a portion of any roadway which is reserved for the use of bicycles.
- 3) A bicycle path is a bicycle lane that is physically separated from a roadway.
- 4) A bicycle route is any highway that is signed for use by bicycles and pedestrians or bicycles and motor vehicles or shared by all three.
- 5) "Bikeway" means a bicycle lane, path or route.
- 6) A roadway is any publicly maintained way which is open to public use for vehicular travel.
- 7) A vehicle is a device that transports persons or property on a roadway and includes bicycles.
- 8) A toy bicycle is a device moved by human power and having two tandem wheels (including bicycles with two front or two rear wheels whose seat height is not more than 25 inches from the ground when the seat is adjusted to the highest position; or scooter or similar device regardless of seat height).

Bicycle lane markings (Sec. 291 C-38)

When there are official signs or pavement markings indicating a bicycle lane, a solid white line separates a bicycle lane from a motor vehicle lane for traffic moving in the same direction.

Bicycle tax (Sec. 249-14)

All bicycles with two tandem wheels, 20 inches or more in diameter, are required to be registered and shall be subject to a permanent registration fee of \$15 to be paid by the owners thereof to the City Budget and Fiscal Director. After payment of the fee, the owner will be provided with a decal to be attached to the bicycle. The decal is to be placed on the frame's seat tube facing the forward direction.

There shall be a fee of \$5.00 when transferring registered ownership of a bicycle.

Exemption from fee and tag (Sec. 249-14.3)

All new bicycles acquired for sale by a business are exempt from the tax but upon being sold the dealer will (1) have the buyer complete the license application forms, (2) give the buyer a completed copy of the form and (3) send the other copies to the Finance Department along with the tax and fees collected from the buyer.

The decal and certificate of registration will be mailed to the new owner. Until the owner receives them, he or she should carry a copy of the completed application when using the bicycle on a roadway.

Seizure and sale of nonregistered vehicles (Sec. 349-15)

Any bicycle having no decal as described in the previous section is subject to impoundment by City officials. The owner has 10 days in which to recover the vehicle by paying the tax due and a \$1.00 penalty. Unclaimed bikes will be sold at public auction after a five-day public notice is given through advertising in a newspaper or posted notices in at least three public places. Upon the sale of a bike, any money received beyond the tax and fees due plus the cost of advertising will be given to the vehicle's owner, if the owner is known. If the owner cannot be located in 90 days, the money will be kept by the City.

Duplicate bicycle decals (Sec. 249-16)

If you lose your decal, you may obtain a duplicate for \$2.00. Just present the number and registration of the bicycle involved to the City.

False decal, penalty (Sec. 249-17)

Any person who uses an unauthorized or expired decal, counterfeits a decal or fraudulently removes a decal from any bicycle shall be fined up to \$500.

Bikeway Fund (Sec. 249-17.5)

All taxes collected for bicycles are deposited in the City and County of Honolulu bikeway fund to be used for:

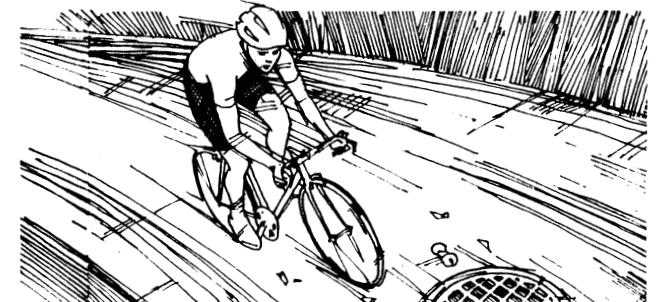
- 1) Establishing, designing, improving and maintaining bikeways, including installing and repairing storm drains and bridges;
- 2) Installing, maintaining and repairing bikeway lights and power, including replacing old lights;
- 3) Controlling bikeway traffic and preserving safety in the bikeway;
- 4) Paying interest and redeeming bonds issued to finance bikeway construction and improvements;
- 5) Promoting bicycling transportation and recreation.

Accidents (Sec. 291C-12, 291C-13, 291C-14)

The driver of any vehicle who is involved in an accident which results in injury or death or damage to vehicle or property must immediately stop at or near the scene of the accident and exchange information with the party or parties involved.

Information should include one's name and address and registration of the vehicle involved. Assistance to the injured should also be given, including arrangements for medical treatment.

When property damage occurs to an unattended vehicle, the driver must try to locate the owner and, if not possible, leave his or her name and vehicle registration number in a conspicuous place. Then the driver must contact the nearest police station.



The streets are full of booby traps. Watch out for holes, bumps, loose gravel, debris and drain grates.

Payment from which insurer (Sec. 294-5)

In an accident where the injured person is a pedestrian or bicyclist, the insurer for the vehicle which caused accidental harm pays the costs. If there is no insurance for the vehicle, any other no-fault insurance applicable to the injured person shall apply.

Driving on a bikeway (Sec. 291C-123)

Vehicles other than a bicycle are not allowed on the bicycle lane or bicycle path except:

- 1) When making a turn, lane change or parking maneuver;
- 2) When driving an emergency vehicle or any other official government vehicle in the performance of duty;
- 3) When a vehicle stalls or breaks down;
- 4) When assisting a stalled or damaged vehicle;
- 5) When yielding the right-of-way to an emergency vehicle; and
- 6) When following some special provision of the law.

Pedestrians on roadways (Sec. 291C-76)

- 1) Where there are sidewalks, it is unlawful to walk on the adjacent roadway, bicycle path or bicycle lane.
- 2) When there are no side walks, pedestrians are to walk on the left side of the roadway or its shoulder facing traffic approaching from the opposite direction.

Effect of regulations (Sec. 291C-141)

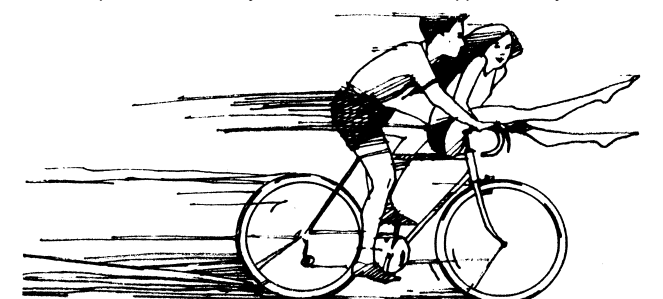
It is a misdemeanor for you to commit any forbidden act or fail to perform any act required in this part (Sec. 291C).

The parents of any child shall not authorize or permit their child to violate this chapter.

These bicycle regulations apply whenever a bicycle is used on a roadway or bicycle path.

Traffic laws apply to bicyclists (Sec. 291C-142)

Bicyclists using a roadway have all the rights and duties applicable to the driver of a motor vehicle, except as stated by special bicycle regulations and except for those provisions which by their nature cannot be applied to bicyclists.



No packing. Only one person per seat. Always wear a helmet for safe riding.

Riding on bicycles (Sec. 291C-143)

The bicyclist must ride on the permanent, regular seat attached to the bicycle. No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it was designed and equipped.

No clinging to vehicles (Sec. 291C-144)

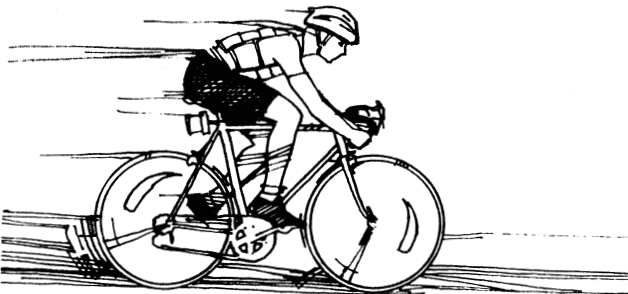
When riding a bicycle, do not attach it or yourself to another vehicle.

Riding on roadway and bikeways (Sec. 291C-145)

- 1) When traveling slower than the normal speed of traffic, bicyclists are to ride as close to the right hand curb or on the shoulder of the roadway as practical. Be careful when passing a stopped vehicle or one going in the same direction. There are the allowed exceptions to the “right hand” rule:
 - a) When preparing for a left turn at an intersection, private road or driveway;
 - b) When necessary to avoid hazards that make it unsafe to ride along the right hand curb. This includes situations where the traffic lane is too narrow for a bicycle and a motor vehicle to travel safely side-by-side; or
 - c) When one-way streets have more than one lane of traffic, the bicyclist may ride near the left hand curb or edge.
- 2) On a roadway, bicyclists must ride single file. On bicycle lanes and paths, riding two abreast is permitted when the lane or path is wide enough and when there is no rule or ordinance specifically prohibiting it.
- 3) When a roadway has a usable bicycle lane, bicyclists must ride within the lane if they are going slower than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction. Bicyclists are allowed to move out of the lane when:
 - a) Wishing to pass another vehicle or a pedestrian and they cannot safely do so while staying within the lane;
 - b) Preparing for a left turn at an intersection, private road or driveway;
 - c) Avoiding debris or other hazardous conditions.
- 4) Bicyclists are not to leave a bicycle lane unless the movement can be done safely and then only after they have given the appropriate turn signal.
- 5) Bicyclists riding in a bicycle lane shall travel in the same direction as the traffic in the adjoining roadway lane. When riding on bicycle paths wide enough for two-way traffic, bicyclists must stay to their right.
- 6) The State and City governments have the right to restrict or ban the use of mopeds on bikeways.
- 7) The City government, by ordinance, may post signs on bicycle lanes and paths prohibiting motorized bicycles from using them.

Carrying articles (Sec. 291C-146)

Bicyclists cannot carry a package or article which prevents the driver from using both hands to control and operate the bicycle. One hand must be on the handlebars at all times.



Use lights, reflectors and reflective clothing to increase visibility at night.

Lights and other equipment on bicycles (Sec. 291C-147)

- 1) Any bicycle used from 30 minutes after sunset until 30 minutes before sunrise must have a head light, facing forward, which meets these specifications:
 - a) Emits a white light;
 - b) Is visible at least 500 feet from the front.
- 2) Every bicycle must have a red reflector at least 4 inches square, mounted in the rear, which can be seen at least 600 feet from the front of a vehicle with low beam lights on.
- 3) Every bicycle in use during the time described in #1 above must have 4-inch square reflective material or lighted lamps on each side which can be seen at least 600 feet from the front of the vehicle with low beam lights on, or a lighted lamp visible on both sides from a distance of at least 500 feet.

- 4) Bicycles and/or riders may have additional lights or reflectors.
- 5) A lamp as described in #1 above may be attached on the left arm or left leg of the bicycle operator but must conform with requirement #1.
- 6) Bicycles must be equipped with brakes capable of bringing the bicycle to a complete stop within 25 feet from a speed of 10 mph on dry, level, clean pavement.

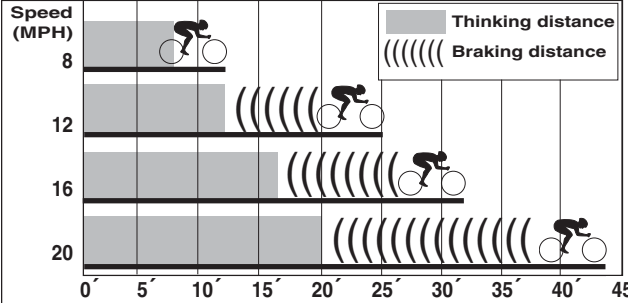
Vehicles to yield right-of-way (Sec. 15-11.2)

The driver of a vehicle intending to turn across a bicycle lane must yield the right-of-way to bicyclists.

Vehicle turning (Sec. 291C-62)

The driver of a vehicle intending to turn from the roadway into another roadway or driveway shall yield the right-of-way to any other vehicle or person approaching from the opposite direction or going in the same direction.

STOPPING DISTANCE



To avoid rear-end collisions, maintain a safe distance between yourself and the vehicle ahead.

Emerging from alley, driveway or building (Sec. 291C-64)

The driver of a vehicle coming from an alley, driveway, building or any place other than a roadway shall stop before crossing the sidewalk, bicycle path or lane, or at the point nearest the street to be entered where the driver has a view of approaching traffic.

Storing vehicles (Sec. 15-13.10)

The City may order any vehicle that is left unattended or disabled on a bicycle lane or path to be removed and stored.

No riding on pedestrian overpass or underpass (Sec. 15-17.9)

Do not ride a bicycle on a pedestrian overpass. Riders must dismount from their vehicle before using such structures.

Obedience to traffic controls (Sec. 15-18.3)

Bicyclists must obey the instructions of official traffic control signs, signals and other devices unless directed otherwise by a police officer or other person authorized to direct traffic.

Bicyclists must obey posted “U” turn signs unless they dismount, in which event they must obey the regulations applicable to pedestrians.

Bicycle lanes are reserved exclusively for bicycles, but pedestrians may use the lanes when no paved sidewalks are provided. Bicyclists must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians in bicycle lanes.

Speed (Sec. 15-18.4)

Do not ride a bicycle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions at the time.

Bicycle Racing (Sec. 291C-149)

Bicycle racing is prohibited on the roadways unless the riders are participating in an approved racing event. Approval for races must be obtained from the authorities who are responsible for the roadway. Racers may be exempt from complying with the traffic laws only if an agreement has been established with the pertinent authorities and there is adequate traffic control for all roadway users.

Emerging from alley, bikeway or driveway (Sec. 15-18.5)

The bicyclist emerging from an alley, driveway, bikeway or building shall yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians and other vehicles before entering or crossing the sidewalk, bikeway or roadway.

Parking (Sec. 15-18.6)

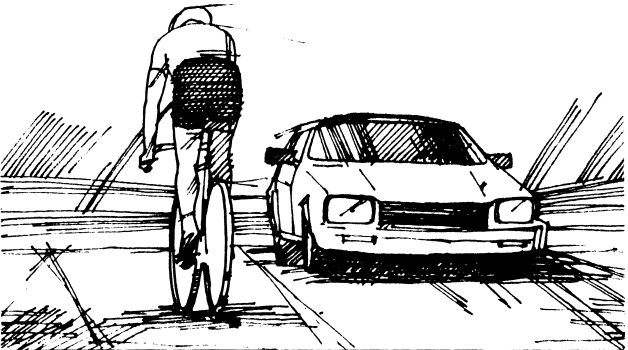
No person shall park a bicycle upon a street other than upon the roadway against the curb, or upon the sidewalk in a rack to support the bicycle, or against a building; and in such manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrian traffic.

Riding on sidewalks (sec. 15-18.7)

Bicycle riding on sidewalks is prohibited within a business district (such as Downtown Honolulu, Waikiki).

Do not ride a bicycle on sidewalks where official signs prohibit it.

In areas other than business or prohibited districts, bicycles may be ridden on sidewalks provided the speed is less than 10 mph. The bicycle operator must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians, giving an audible signal before overtaking them.



A bicycle is a legal vehicle and should not be traveling against the flow of traffic.

Direction of travel on bike lanes (Sec. 15-18.8)

No person shall ride or operate a bicycle within a bicycle lane in any direction except that permitted of vehicular traffic traveling on the same side of the roadway.

Bicycle helmets (Sec. 291C-150)

No person under sixteen years of age shall operate a bicycle on a street, bikeway, or any other public property unless that person is wearing a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet. This requirement also applies to a person who rides upon a bicycle while in a restraining seat that is attached to the bicycle or who rides in a trailer towed by the bicycle.

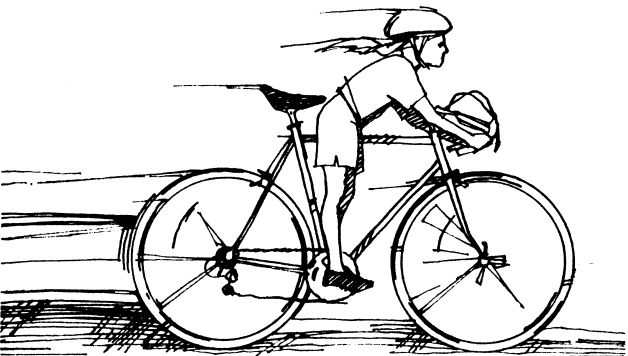
Regulations for bicycle paths (Sec. 15-18.10)

These regulations apply to bicycle paths owned by the City and County or made available to the City for public use:

- 1) Only bicycles without motors or authorized motor vehicles that are permitted by posted signs may be used on bicycle paths.
- 2) No vehicles shall be parked on the path except authorized maintenance and security vehicles.
- 3) Do not drive a vehicle across the path without first coming to a full stop.
- 4) Yield the right-of-way to authorized motor vehicles.

Opening and closing vehicle doors (Sec. 291C-125)

Do not open door of a vehicle on the side of moving traffic until it is reasonably safe to do so. Check that you will not interfere with or create a hazard to other traffic. Do not leave the door open longer than necessary.



A bike that fits its rider provides better control and safer cycling. Never ride a bicycle that is too big for you.

BICYCLE REGISTRATION

**City and County of Honolulu
Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
Division of Motor Vehicles and Licensing**

MAIN STATION

1112 Kapahulu Avenue (under the H-1 freeway overpass)
Hours: Monday - Friday, 7:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Telephone: 733-2540

SATELLITE CITY HALLS

- ♦ **Ala Moana Shopping Center**
1450 Ala Moana Boulevard, street level, mauka
Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Telephone: 973-2600
- ♦ **1000 Fort Street Mall**
Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Telephone: 532-2500
- ♦ **Hawaii Kai**
6600 Kalanianaʻole Highway, Suite 101
Tuesday - Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Kailua**
Keolu Shopping Village, 1090 Keolu Drive
Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Telephone: 261-8575
- ♦ **Kalihi/Kapalama**
1287 Kalani Street
Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Telephone: 832-2900
- ♦ **Kapolei**
Kapolei Hale, 1000 Ulukoua
Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Pearlridge**
Pearlridge Shopping Center - Uptown, 2nd Floor
Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Telephone: 483-3405
- ♦ **Waiānae**
85-670 Farrington Highway
Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Wahiawa**
330 North Cane Street
Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Windward Mall**
Second level, near Sears
Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, 8:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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